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CONGRESS' RECORD

The record of the first session of the 86th Congress, which will probably end its deliberations in September, is now on the way to completion. It is a record which commands respect, viewed from any angle.

It will be recalled that the 1958 election produced the thought among many that the first session of the 86th Congress would be a radical or very liberal Congress. A large number of excessively-high spending bills was anticipated.

However, it has become obvious that a coalition of moderate Democrats and Republicans has been able to restrain the left-wingers, and there has been a tendency among the leadership of Congress to cooperate with President Eisenhower, in reducing expenditures. This was, of course, partly necessitated by the recession of 1958 and the bleak financial picture which greeted Congress as it assembled in January.

In fact, the first session of the 86th Congress assembled with the nation running head-on into a record peace-time deficit. That deficit totaled almost $12,000,000,000.

President Eisenhower has vetoed a number of bills which he thought were too costly, and Congress has usually worked to write a bill the President could sign, as a result. There has been little acrimony between the Majority Leader in the Senate and Speaker Rayburn, on the one hand, and President Eisenhower on the other. In fact, all of them have exercised an admirable restraint in delving into what would be considered low-grade politics.

As a result, this Congress is being termed the best, or most statesmanlike, to be seen in operation in Washington since World War II. A number of veteran reporters have come to that conclusion.

No one can foretell the actions to be taken in the final weeks of the session, but, as of now, the record is on the good side of the ledger.

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TAYLOR THE PROPHET

General Maxwell D. Taylor, the nation's top soldier until he resigned disappointedly recently, is speaking the words of a prophet in his analysis of this country's military posture. It could be that General Taylor, along with Senator Stuart Symington, Missouri Democrat, could become the Churchill, or the Eden, of the 1930's.

Both Taylor and Symington are basically disturbed with the defense effort of the United States. Although we are spending $40,000,000,000 on defense, neither of these men feel that the American public knows the true story about our state of defense.

Taylor was particularly disappointed and disillusioned over our rocket and missiles program. Moreover, he thought the Army was being gutted, and that we are not prepared to fight the small brushfire wars, which we have been forced to fight since World War II, and which we may continue to be forced to fight-if a nuclear war is avoided.

Senator Symington also has been disillusioned with our rocket and missiles program, and has pointed out that our intermediate-range rockets have not been capable of doing what the public announcements indicate they are capable of doing, and that our ICBM's are nowhere near the state of perfection where they could be used operationally. Moreover, he is concerned with the probability that the Russians have developed a considerable lead over us in the ICBM field, with superior rocket engines, and with ostensibly-mounting numerical edge over us in the ICBM stockpiling race.

General Maxwell Taylor had the courage of his convictions to such an extent that he stepped down as the Army's top man, rather than submit to either hypocrisy or policies which he could not conscientiously support. This is an admirable step, whether he be right or wrong, and he is doing his duty as he sees it, for which the nation should be thankful.

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DIAZ ON CASTRO

The testimony of Major Pedro Luis Diaz Lanz makes highly disturbing reading — if one closely examines the transcript. Diaz was formerly Chief of Staff of the Cuban Air Force, but fled Cuba recently, and found a haven in the United States.

We suspect Diaz took his life in his hands in testifying as he did, for he quite plainly said that the communists are in control in Cuba, who kicked Batista out of Cuba.

Moreover, it is an indictment of Castro's brother, and the whole regime. In short, Diaz said that Cuba was now under a communist dictatorship. Diaz's testimony was given before the Senate Internal Security subcommittee.

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Washington Notes

Appropriation Bills

President Eisenhower has signed bills appropriating $3,971,562,673 to the Agriculture Department and $13,463,500 to the Office of the President, for the fiscal year that started July 1.

The new cash allotments for the Agriculture Department are $110,002,190 less than Eisenhower had asked, and the executive offices bill appropriates $145,000 less than he asked.

Minimum Wage Bill

Senate Republican Leader Dirksen (R.-Ill.) says the Administration would strongly oppose the revised Democratic - sponsored minimum wage bill as inflationary.

But Senator Kennedy (D.-Mass.) chief author of the measure, said it was reasonable legislation needed to insure a bare living standard for many low-paid workers.

Missile Spending Cut

The Pentagon's new cutback on Army and Air Force anti-aircraft missiles will cut $1,438,000,000 from planned missile spending over a period of years, Congress has been told.

Navy Due Better Missile

An improved Terrier missile which the Navy said can "intercept any present-day supersonic bomber many miles from its intended target," has been announced.

The Navy said production of the new Terrier is under way, and it will be first installed on the U. S. S. Dewey, a guided - missile frigate to be commissioned later this year.

More Cash For Airlines

The new defense - money bill should provide commercial airlines a larger share of the amount spent on flying military passengers and freight, according to Senator Monroney.

Monroney, a long-time critic of the world-wide Military Air Transport Service, got the Senate Appropriations Committee to earmark $100,000,000 for use with civil air carriers. The sum is included in the $39,500,000,000 defense bill scheduled for early floor consideration.

More On Aid Funds

Deomcrats are aiming a budget-cutting drive at President Eisenhower's foreign-aid program.

The immediate target is the $1,900,000,000 Eisenhower asked for military arms aid abroad. Senator Ellender (D.-La.) wants to cut this by $550,000,000 in the first in a series of fund - cutting amendments Democrats have proposed.

Eisenhower calls the foreign-aid program a keystone of American foreign policy, and says it is vital to the free world's defense against international Communist aggression.

Homemakers Items

Breakfast too often follows an unexciting pattern.

Here are a few suggestions from Extension specialists, to get some variety into breakfasts.

Vary cooked fruit flavor. Sprinkle applesauce with cinnamon or other spice, or with raisins or chopped dried fruit. Add orange or lemon slices to prunes, figs, or dried peaches.

Scramble eggs with tomatoes. To serve six, beat together six eggs and a cupful of cooked or canned tomatoes. Season, and cook in a little fat over low heat, stirring constantly, until firm.

Broil or fry tomatoes, red or green, and serve with bacon.

Chop cold potatoes and heat in a little fat, then scramble them with eggs.

Split leftover rolls, biscuits, muffins, or corn bread. Spread with butter or margarine, and toast in the oven. Or make bacon rolls by putting crisp bacon into toasted rolls.

Use stale bread to make an old favorite — French toast. Dip bread in a mixture of egg and milk, or egg and tomato juice. Brown carefully in a little fat.

Looking for different ways to serve ice cream? Try these suggestions:

Make individual sundaes by putting ice cream in paper cups and topping with syrup. Cover with small squares of aluminum foil, and freeze. These sundaes are excellent for visitors and last-minute parties.

Hollow out an angel food cake, fill with ice cream, frost with whipped cream, and freeze.

Roll scoops of ice cream in toasted coconut and top with a favorite sauce.

Cut ice cream into squares and put between plain cookies or graham crackers. Wrap and freeze. For something special, use leftover or frozen waffles to make the sandwich, and serve with syrup and nuts.

Chilled

Seaman Sam says: When a girl sneezes, it's a sign she's catchin' cold. When she yawns, it's a sign that she's gotten cold.

—Redside Examiner, Farragut, Idaho.

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ADULT 4-H LEADERS PLAN NOVEMBER MEETING

Planning well-balanced 4-H club programs will hold the attention of Virginia adult 4-H club leaders at their annual week-end conference at Natural Bridge November 20-22.

State officials at VPI have announced preliminary plans for the conference, calling for discussion groups, panels, recreation, exhibits and guest speakers.

A feature of the week-end conference will be election of officers for the Virginia Adult 4-H Leaders Association, of which Mrs. Glenvar Layman, of Roanoke, is the current president.

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FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith
County Agent

Crop Production Records

Crop production records are a valuable ally to the farmer who wants to increase his profits, says R. K. Reynolds, assistant agricultural economist, at VPI.

He points out that crop yields are directly affected by soil treatment and various other factors in the production of the crop or crops. A crop record kept on individual fields will provide the farmer with information on soil and management practices, followed with the results in terms of yields. The information can be useful in making future farm and cropping system plans, and can lead to improved soil management practices.

Reynolds says the crop records can be simple or they can be detailed. The more detailed the record, the more useful it is. In setting up a crop record by fields, necessary information includes acres in the field, crop variety, amount and analysis of fertilizer, kind and amount of lime, use of weed sprays and pesticides, planting and harvesting dates, and crop yields. The results of soil tests, and information on land classification and soil type or types when available, should be recorded. A few notes should be kept on weather conditions during the growing season.

Set up the records in such a way that a continuous record can be kept for the individual field from year to year. In this way the changes in fertility can be noted, and lime and fertilizer needs more accurately determined. It will also make easy a comparison of crop production between different fields.

Reynolds says farmers who do not have crop records included in present farm records, should plan now to include them next year. Help is available from county agricultural agents.

Woolen importers ask for tariff relief.

Industrial output index set record in June.

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History of Local American Legion Auxiliary

History of
American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 104, Appomattox, Va.
By: Mrs. Mary Grey Holland

The American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 104, has just completed a very busy year, under the leadership of the following administrative officers:

President, Mrs. Ruby Moses
1st Vice President, Mrs. Elaine Dickerson
2nd Vice President, Mrs. Patsy Harvey
Secretary, Mrs. Thelma Dickerson
Treasurer, Mrs. Reba Bruce
Chaplain, Mrs. Gwendolyn Doss
Historian, Mrs. Mary Grey Holland.

The committee work has been under the direction of the following chairmen:

Americanism: Mrs. Mary Grey Holland
Child Welfare, Mrs. Reba Bruce
Civil Defense, Mrs. Catherine Robertson
Community Service, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson
Girl State, Mrs .Mary Grey Holland
Education and Scholarship, Mrs. Gertrude Morris
Legislative, Mrs. Peggy Harvey
Membership, Mrs. Elaine Dickerson
National Security, Mrs. Catherine Robertson
Poppy, Mrs. Vivian Ann Guill
Rehabilitation, Mrs. Patsy Harvey
Kate Waller Barret Loan Fund, Mrs. Martin Webb.

Activities

Americanism: This year our Unit held a most informative program on Americanism at a dinner meeting at the American Legion Home. At this meeting, the film, "Stars and Stripes on Parade" was shown and the Department President, Mrs. William T. Coyner, of Waynesboro, spoke. The District President, Mrs. Malcolm Wynn, of South Hill, was a guest. The chairman arranged for the movie to be shown to all schools in the county and to the Lions Club, American Legion, and Boy Scouts. Copies of the Constitution of the United States were distributed to the members. The American Legion School award for the boy and girl best representing the characteristics of the Service, Courage, Honor, Loyalty, and Scholarship, were presented to two high school seniors at graduation services. These student's names are engraved on a plaque in the school library. This cost the Unit $7.80.

Child Welfare: We contributed $5.00 to the Department and $5 to Patrick Henry Boy's Plantation. At Christmas, two large boxes of food were arranged and given to two needy families. Clothes were given to the son of a veteran and another box of clothes given to the intendent of Public Welfare for the tribution. Mrs .Hazel Mann, Superintendent of Public Welfare fo rthe county, spoke at the April meeting.

Civil Defense: Sheriff David T. Robertson, Civil Defense Director and Co-ordinator for the county was guest speaker at the December meeting.

Community Service: Our Unit sponsors three Brownie Scout Troops and furnishes the leaders for two of these. One of our members is Neighborhood Chairman and another is Finance Chairman of the Southside Neighborhood in Appomattox District. We contributed $57.50 to the three Brownie Troops and they presented our Community Service program in March. During National Education Week, our Unit entertained at a reception for the Appomattox County Teachers in the American Legion Home. The Unit helped sponsor Heart Sunday and the Unit members served as solicitors. We cooperated with the Legion and the United Daughters of the Confederacy in sponsoring the annual Memorial Day services. $25.00 was contributed to the Appomattox High School band uniforms.

Education and Scholarship: A copy of "Need A Lift" was placed in the Appomattox High School library.

Finance: We continued the fund raising project begun last year of the Community Activity Calendar, on which we cleared $216.67. We assisted the American Legion in their Street Carnival, from which we received $100.00. At the present time, we have $208.70 in the general fund and $149.66 in the Poppy Fund.

Girls State: We sponsored one girl and secured the sponsorship of another girl to Girls State in Blacksburg and furnished transportation for both girls. These girls gave a report of their trip at a Unit meeting in October.

History: This year one of our members, Mrs. Ivey Holland, served as Unit President, District President for the 2nd and 4th Districts. In the past she has served as Unit President, District President, and has served the Department as Chairman of the Constitution, and By-Laws Committee, Pan American Chairman, and Community Service Chairman.

Membership: Our Unit is made up of 23 Adult members and 1 junior member. It received the $5.00 award offered by the Department Vice-President for the first Unit to reach membership quota before December 25. The Unit held 10 meetings during the year.

National Security: We had as our speaker on this subject, our Fourth District Congressman, Watkins M. Abbitt, who spoke on the ways that legislation affect our national security.

Poppy: Our Unit purchased 2,000 poppies. These poppies were distributed on the streets on Friday and Saturday of Poppy Day weekend, May 22 and 23, and were distributed through the schools on Friday. From this we received $147.60. A poppy window was display-ed and remained through Memorial Day. Poppies were used on the table and mantle arrangements for the reception at the Legion Home for the Appomattox County Teachers; for the dinner meeting in January and February. Arrangements of poppies were used on the table for the P.-T. A. reception after its meeting during National Education Week. Lapel favors of a poppy on a blue star background were presented to each teacher at the reception; poppy plate cards were used at the two dinner meetings; poppy corsages were presented to the guest speakers; the Unit President wore a poppy corsage when she participated in the Memorial Day services, and also when she presented the American Legion School Award. Poppies were used in the boxwood wreaths on the Court House doors at Christmas and also in the pine sprays on the doors of the Legion Home.

Rehabilitation: Our Unit contributed $16.80, (rehab per capita) to the Department; $10.00 to the entertainment of veterans; and $45.00 to the three gift shops in the three veteran hospitals in the nate. $25.00 in coin purses made by the veterans at McGuire Hospital were sold. $7.30 was contributed by the members to the Past President's Parley project to be used for the women veterans in two hospitals. $1.00 was contributed to the chaplain's project—that of placing Bibles in the veterans' hospitals, and $1.00 was contributed to the Department President's project—the placing of a High Fidelity record player in the school for the deaf and blind at Staunton. Another Personal contribution to the president's project of $5.00 was contributed through the Unit.

Three of our members attended the Department Convention in Roanoke, the District Fall Conference, and The Department Fall Conference. One of our members, Mrs. Holland, attended the dinner meeting for our National President at Natural Bridge.

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